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## *The Memorial Messenger*



**LOAVES & FISHES**  
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

### **ONE CAN EVERY SUNDAY!!**

Cereal, grits, canned meat, soups, can pastas (Ravioli & spaghetti-o's) Dry Pastas & Sauces, canned vegetables, can or dried beans, 100% Fruit Juice, and toilet paper. (For Safety ~ No Glass Please)  
God Bless you, The Outreach Committee



School is out for summer and this can be a scary time for children who are food insecure. Families that depend on free and reduced breakfast and lunch during the school year are now faced with providing two extra meals a day-stretching already tight budget.

**Loaves & Fishes busiest month? July, the one month that has no school.**

You can help provide nutritious groceries for children and families this summer by donating today at [loavesandfishes.org](http://loavesandfishes.org)  
Thank you!!!



9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 & 12:30 Worship

**June 3, 2018**

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Worship .....       | 86      |
| Sunday school ..... | 38      |
| Receipts.....       | \$5,338 |
| "Repair Fund" ..... | \$60    |

**June 10, 2018**

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Worship .....       | 126     |
| Sunday school ..... | 55      |
| Receipts.....       | \$4,901 |
| "Repair Fund" ..... | \$228   |

**June 17, 2018**

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Worship .....       | 93      |
| Sunday school ..... | 51      |
| Receipts.....       | \$2,943 |
| "Repair Fund" ..... | \$      |

**June 24, 2018**

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Worship .....       | 112     |
| Sunday school ..... | 32      |
| Receipts.....       | \$3,539 |
| "Repair Fund" ..... | \$20    |



Come to me,  
all you who are  
weary and burdened,  
and I will give you  
**REST.**

*Matthew 11:28*



*ChristianOutreach.org*



***Congratulations!***

**2017 Special Mission Recognition**  
**UMW Pin Recipients!**  
**Harold & Brenda Boone**  
**David Hampton**



*For those who have lost loved ones and the family of Lex Cox*

*For all our shut-ins & families living in stressful times.*

***For those who are sick or in need of healing...***

*Gloria Barbe, Allen Bellamy, Harold & Brenda Boone, Harold "Buddy" Brockman, Kutyna Carl, Kathleen Casimo, Stan & Joan Cude, Carolyn Derr, Kathleen Dorn, Martha Dukes, Barbara Edmunds, Jerri Funderburk, Willis Goodrum, Dave Hampton, Maralon Haviland, Karlene Henry, Sandy Holland, Sarah Hopkins, Mary Ann LeGrand, Blanche Lambert, Linda Prater, Gary & Ann Reid, Herb Russell, Jeanette Short, Gene & Mary Tayloe, Gladys S. Tayloe, Iva Wagner, and Ada Watson.*

*"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words." Psalm 54:2 (NRSV)*



**Planning Meetings**  
**in Response to Surveys**

As mentioned last month, we will have four visioning/planning sessions around the areas of Worship, Community Outreach, Ministry to Children, and Spiritual Development. These meetings will be held on Sundays immediately following 11:00 worship from July 15th -August 5th. These meeting will be no longer than an hour and are meant to brainstorm ways we can enhance our existing ministries and/or start new ministries. Having as many voices as possible will be key to a productive meeting. Each meeting will result in next steps and goals. If you are unable to make one of these meetings but have ideas you would like shared, please contact pastor Brandon to setup a time to meet and share your ideas.



July 1 marks one year since my appointment to Memorial. This past year I have baptized babies and children, welcomed new members, officiated funerals and weddings, led Bible Studies, preached in English and Spanish (sometimes at the same time!), made visits to homes and places of work, celebrated Georgie and my one-year wedding anniversary, and welcomed Noely into the world! The list could go on and on. One of my primary focuses this year has been to observe the people and ministries of the church and find ways that we can most effectively complete our mission to "Love others as Jesus first loved us" in order to live our vision "to be a beacon of hope so that all people experience the love of God." Through meeting with various leaders and committees of the church, one idea for how we can best move forward in our mission is by focusing our leadership structure into one team. This one team would do the current work of the Administrative Council, Trustees, Finance Committee, and SPRC. This team would help us to stay focused on our mission and vision. The proposed composition of this team would be:

- 3 Trustees (three-year terms, with one in each class)
- 3 Finance (three-year terms, with one in each class)
- 3 SPRC (three-year terms, with one in each class)
- 1 Lay Leader
- 1 Administrative Council Chair
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Nurture Representative
- 1 Outreach Representative
- 1 Witness Representative
- 2 Hispanic Committee Representatives

The church treasurer will be on the committee as an ex-officio member. The pastor will also be a member of the

Team but will not be a voting member.

Our Hispanic Committee, Nominations Committee, and Scholarship Committee would remain separate committees and we would still hold a yearly charge (whole church) conference. Additional work would be done by creating short-term task forces to achieve goals such as VBS, Church-wide gatherings, Stewardship Campaigns, mission projects etc. Membership in these task forces will not be limited to those on the one team.

Although this model placed fewer people on committees, it does not mean that we have fewer leaders in our church. This model will better mobilize our congregation to serve in leadership in ways other than serving on committees. The time that will no longer be spent in monthly or quarterly meetings can be spent in mission and ministry in different capacities.

If you have any questions about this new model of leadership, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. There will be time to discuss this model in each of the planning sessions on Sundays July 15-August 5<sup>th</sup> and there will be a vote on whether or not to approve this structure at our Administrative Council meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>. If it is approved by the Administrative Council there will then be another vote of the Charge (whole church) Conference at a

later date. If approved, this model would go into effect January 1, 2019.

### Nueva propuesta de estructura de liderazgo

El 1 de julio marca un año desde mi nombramiento en Memorial. Este año pasado bauticé bebés y niños, di la bienvenida a nuevos miembros, oficié funerales y bodas, dirigí estudios bíblicos, prediqué en inglés y español (¡a veces al mismo tiempo!), Hice visitas a hogares y lugares de trabajo, celebré con Georgie nuestro primer aniversario de boda de, ¡y dio la bienvenida a Noely al mundo! La lista podría seguir y seguir. Uno de mis principales objetivos este año ha sido observar a las personas y los ministerios de la iglesia y encontrar la manera de que podamos completar nuestra misión de "Amar a los demás como Jesús nos amó primero" para vivir nuestra visión "ser un faro de esperanza para que todas personas experimenten el amor de Dios." Al reunirnos con varios líderes y comités de la iglesia, una idea de cómo podemos avanzar mejor en nuestra misión es enfocando nuestra estructura de liderazgo en un solo equipo. Este equipo haría el trabajo actual del Consejo Administrativo, Fideicomisarios, Comité de Finanzas y SPRC. Este equipo nos ayudaría a mantenernos enfocados en nuestra misión y visión. La composición propuesta de este equipo sería:

- 3 Fideicomisarios (términos de tres años, con uno en cada clase)
- 3 Finanzas (términos de tres años, con uno en cada clase)
- 3 SPRC (términos de tres años, con uno en cada clase)
- 1 Líder de laicos
- 1 Presidente del Consejo Administrativo
- 1 Secretario
- 1 Representante Nurture
- 1 representante de alcance
- 1 representante de testigos
- 2 Representantes del Comité Hispano

El tesorero de la iglesia estará en el comité como miembro ex officio. El pastor también será un miembro del Equipo pero no será un miembro con voto.

Nuestro Comité Hispano, el Comité de Nominaciones y el Comité de Becas seguirían siendo comités separados y aún celebraríamos una conferencia anual sobre el cargo (toda la iglesia). Se realizaría trabajo adicional creando grupos de trabajo a corto plazo para alcanzar objetivos tales como VBS, reuniones de toda la Iglesia, campañas de Mayordomía, proyectos de misión, etc. La membresía en estos equipos de trabajo no se limitará a aquellos en el equipo único.

Aunque este modelo colocó a menos personas en los comités, eso no significa que tengamos menos líderes en nuestra iglesia. Este modelo movilizará mejor a nuestra congregación para servir en el liderazgo de maneras distintas a servir en comités. El tiempo que ya no se gastará en reuniones mensuales o trimestrales se puede gastar en la misión y el ministerio en diferentes capacidades.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este nuevo modelo de liderazgo, no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo por teléfono o correo electrónico. Habrá una votación sobre si aprobar o no esta estructura en nuestra reunión del Consejo Administrativo el 30 de julio. Si el Consejo Administrativo lo aprueba, habrá otra votación de la Conferencia de Carga (iglesia entera) en una fecha posterior. Si se aprueba, este modelo entraría en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.



NOELY  
ALREADY 4 ½  
MONTHS

JUST HANGING WITH  
MY DADDY!



Babies  are sweet

# United Methodist Women



**UMW MEMBERS  
AT LARGE  
HAVE ALTAR FLOWER  
DISTRIBUTION**

## Memorial's UMW Mission Project

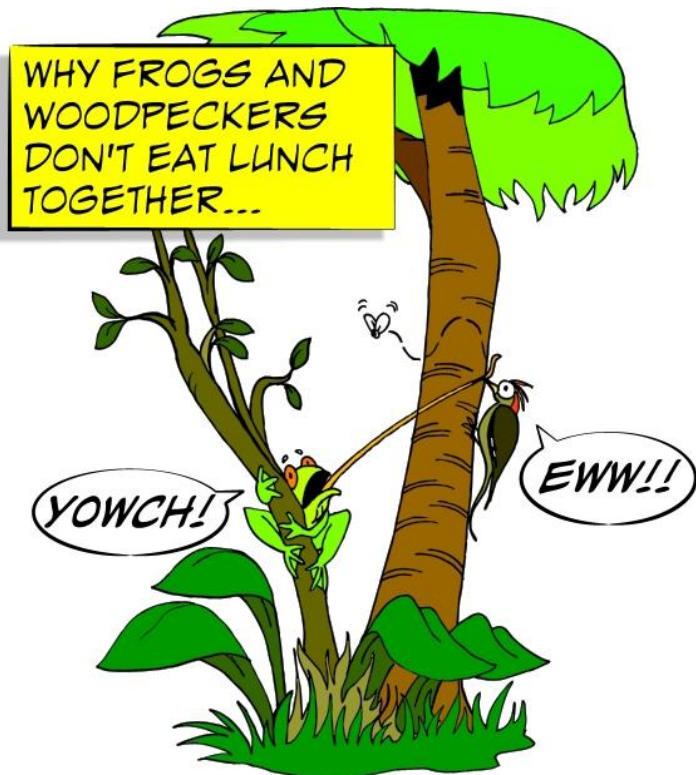
### ~ Project Agape ~

#### Christmas Boxes for Armenia

UMW is beginning to collect for their  
yearly mission project!

Delivering to conference in  
September.

You can find packing lists for boxes  
on the communication center and the  
Narthex.



**Laugh Out Loud!**



*4 – Natividad Bracamontes*

*5 – Vernie Hollifield*

*6 – Khloe Covington*

*7 – Larry Hollifield*

*8 – Courtney Baker*

*8 – Alyson Bumgarner*

*8 – Emily Ragan*

*9 – Anthony Pena*

*11 – Herb Russell*

*11 – David Hampton*

*11 – Kutyna Carl*

*12 – Samantha Bracamontes*

*14 – Rick Ricketts*

*14 – Kara Rydill*

*15 – Lillian Belyea*

*16 – Anna Sperandeo*

*19 – Doris Wright*

*20 – Sabrina Silva*

*21 – Matthew Hepner*

*21 – Gabriel Mendez*

*23 – Peggy Robinson Barnett*

*26 – Jack Farley*

*27 – Janet Green*

*27 – Madison Hepner*

*28 – Sharon Lasher*

*30 – Johnny Honeycutt*

*30 – Susan Avery*



**BLANKETS FOR RECOVERY UPDATE:** Thanks to all the blanket makers who so generously gave of their time and talents for our June 10th Blessing Of The Blankets. We had 45 blankets turned in. We also had 105 Prayer Cloths made by Patsy Denbroeder. We sent the lap sized blankets to the V.A. Medical Center in Kernersville. One of their volunteers, Judy Bell, facilitated the delivery and our cousin, Barbara Beacom, delivered them. She is one of our devoted blanket makers.

The rest of the blankets were afghan sized and they were sent to Debbie Todd, Social Worker, at the William G. Hefner V.A. Hospital in Salisbury. We have worked with her in the past to bring comfort to the homebound vets that her department cares for.

Thanks to all who donate money to buy the yarn for the blankets. We gladly accept funds at any time. Please make your check out to Memorial UMC and mark it for Blankets for Recovery.

We welcome anyone who can crochet, knit, or sew blankets. We all work at home on our own patterns and the completed blankets are kept at the church until the next Blessing. The yarn is stored at the church.

It is an honor to work with everyone involved in this ministry that lets our vets know that they are not forgotten!

E.J. McGee

# OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

It's July and the hot days of summer are upon us. The year is one half over and with that comes time to look back at the year and see where we are as a people and as a church.

Summertime give everyone cause to travel, to visit, and to enjoy the warm-weather activities. Such activities and travel serve to refresh and renew our bodies and spirit. And we are always the better after such activities.

Our church also needs to be continually refreshed also; as a body of people and as a physical structure. Our financial needs are sometimes left unattended during our summer months due to summer travel. Often as travel occurs the attendance drops which results in a decline in contributions.

Along with the hot summer days comes additional expenses to keep our church cool and comfortable. As you are aware, electricity cost soar during the summer as well as repairs to cooling units. One unit has already broken this summer and will need extensive repairs to be restored back to working condition.

Letters such as these are difficult to write and yes, difficult to read. The weekly financial needs of the church continue regardless of the time of year. As we make our plans for summer activities, remember to continue your much-needed financial support. The Committee on Finance asks everyone to maintain their financial commitment to our church. The functions of our church rests solely on our contributions.

All those charged with the management of contributions and expenses are good stewards with everything entrusted them. Everything is being done to hold down expenses to a bare minimum.

Thank you for your past support through your prayers, service, and contributions.

The Committee on Finance